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Philad.a Jan.y 16.th 1783

Sir,

Your favor of the 30.th ultim.o (on the Subject of Vermont affairs) came to hand yesterday am sorry to find that the Hon.ble the Legislature here not given any direction in that matter — The Legislature of New York are now in session, and from some information which I have had this day, think it is probable they will repeal their act by which the decision of this matter was submitted to Congress. If it should be proposed (in the present state of this matter, and without deciding on the question of their Independence) that it be recommended to New York and New Hampshire to adjust this matter between themselves (reserving to Massachusetts the right of claiming and a Trial upon the principles of confederation) and that Congress pledge themselves for carrying their agreement into effect, how ought we to vote on the question?

For my part I feal embarrassed by that part of the act of 1779 by which a Special agent is appointed and other instructions heretofore given on the subject.

I have conversed freely with Genl Whipple on the subject at large, he has had opport.y

to converse with others, and will give full
information

Have no news to write, more than
is in the papers inclosed

I have the honor to be

Your most obed.t Servt.

John Taylor Gilman

Hon.ble Meshech Weare Esquire